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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Non-Fee Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of January 11, 2005. It is believed that no extension of time is needed, but should one be needed, please consider this a petition therefor, and charge deposit account number 500599 the appropriate fee. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.